

JOHNSON

Mrs. John Horrigan has returned from Lynn, Mass.

R. H. Royce attended the Shriners' meeting in Montpelier.

Mrs. Delia Jones of Cady's Falls spent last week with relatives and friends here.

Hon. and Mrs. C. H. Stearns were in Burlington last Wednesday and Thursday.

Tracy Smalley came home last Wednesday night from Montpelier Seminary for the holiday recess.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Farrington attended the concert by Boston Symphony orchestra in Burlington Tuesday night of last week.

Schools in the village close Friday afternoon with appropriate Christmas exercises at the Normal Hall, and will re-open Jan. 3, 1922.

Mrs. A. J. Saleeby was in Burlington several days last week, and while there attended the concert by the Boston Symphony orchestra.

Mrs. Rolla Balch was in Burlington Thursday to see her mother, Mrs. M. E. Wells who is recovering nicely from her operation at the Mary Fletcher hospital.

North Wolcott

(Deferred)

Cecil Harris of Elmore was in town one day last week.

Mrs. Addie Clark of Craftsbury called on friends here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Russ were recent callers at George Churchill's.

Miss Nellie Eastman of Lyndonville was at B. W. Bailey's recently.

Mrs. Ina Wells of Hardwick visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Churchill recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Bruce of Hardwick visited at A. L. Bruce's Sunday of last week.

C. W. Griffith's has been somewhat busy the past few weeks having butchered 16 hogs and 6 beefs.

Leslie Boardman and niece Miss Luther, of Collinsville were recent visitors of his sister Mrs. Mabel Reed.

Rooster Refused to Crow.

On the ground that the crowing of the rooster in her poultry run prevented school children learning their lessons, a Potsdam woman appeared before the local judge charged with being a public nuisance. The woman having declared the rooster was old and hoarse, and that therefore his crow could not be a source of disturbance to the school children, the judge adjourned the case to enable the bird to appear.

The rooster, however, which came to the court in a capacity resembling that of a co-defendant, refused to crow, and the judge, after making some remarks about the valuable loss of legal time thus occasioned, dismissed the case.—North China Herald

Why Collector Gave Up.

Joseph Lewis French, anthologist and sonneteer, says that for 40 years he has had the notion of compiling an anthology of the hundred worst poems ever published. Again and again he has started on the work, but inevitably he grows discouraged, because he always finds another poem so far worse than anything imaginable, that he hesitates to seek out the worst bad verses in their retreats. How, he asks, can he be certain he has found the hundred worst? Mr. French says that a highly cultivated taste for literature and the astute judgment of prosody are required to appreciate properly the worst in poetry.—New York Evening Post.

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STOWE

A robin was seen at E. S. Wilkins' at Moscow Friday.

Mrs. H. W. Barrows returned to Burlington on Thursday.

Mrs. Lizzie Benson is caring for Mrs. F. E. Stafford, whose condition does not improve.

A. R. Straw, who was confined to the house by illness last week, was better Thursday.

Thermometers registered from five to 12 below zero Friday morning, the coldest of the season so far.

F. L. Recor attended the meeting of the Vermont State Grange at Rutland as delegate from Mansfield Mountain Grange.

Miss Ruth Collins, who was confined to her home by illness last week, is recovering and was about the house Thursday.

Leo H. Straw was reported as comfortable as could be expected last Wednesday after an operation for appendicitis at the Mary Fletcher hospital Tuesday.

The Moscow Busy Bee Club met with Mrs. H. L. Moulton, last Wednesday afternoon. There were 17 present. A quilt was tied for Mrs. Moulton and sewing was done for the club. A committee to arrange for a town social and entertainment on January 20 was appointed as follows: Mrs. B. L. Moulton, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. H. L. Moulton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pike, who left November 14 to visit their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Whitier Gates at Chattanooga, Tenn., returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pike were accompanied from New York by their youngest daughter, Miss Beatrice, who has been in New York since September. The party passed Wednesday night in Burlington, where Miss Pike was the guest of Miss Dorothy Barrows of the U. V. M.

The mid-month meeting of the H. H. Smith Women's Relief Corps was held at headquarters Thursday evening. The Corps is sending an autograph quilt as a Christmas gift to the Vermont Soldiers' Home at Bennington. The Corps will serve refreshments at the ball at the Akeley Memorial building on the evening of the 27th. They are preparing an excellent program to be given on Christmas evening at the Community Church in honor of the Clara Barton anniversary.

At the regular meeting of Sickle Chapter, No. 34, O. E. S., last Wednesday evening 25 visitors from the Morrisville chapter were present, among them being District Deputy Grand Patron, A. R. Warren. Supper was served to visitors at six o'clock. During the evening Mr. and Mrs. Carroll M. Pike were initiated into the order and a memorial service was carried out for Mrs. Demmie Demeritt, Mrs. Anna Lang, Mrs. Mattie Sanborn, Mrs. Helen A. Wilkins, Mrs. Mary Russell and F. W. Burt. Mrs. H. W. Barrows doing the solo work.

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"DE CENSOS, SHE EES CRAZE"

Jean Baptiste Tells the World Why the Population of Quebec Seems Immobile.

The old habitant of Quebec, who will be depressingly amazed to discover that the census man gives that province a bare 2,345,678 of a population, will trot out his decennial explanation in extenuation:

"Sacre nom de bien," Jean Baptiste will splutter, "de censos man he come to me on de farm and he say: 'Jean Baptiste, how many lil' boy and lil' girl you got dis tam by you?' An' w'en I say, takken 'ma tam', so's not forget:

"Dere's Jeanne—Marie—Rosine—Angelique—Sophie—Josette—dat's de lil' girl—

"And dere's Polemique—Telesphore—Hippolyte—Belzemire—Horsemidas—Alphonse—dat's de lil' boy.

"Dat maudit censos man, he write down lak' great beeg fool:

"Jean Baptiste: One girl: Jeanne Marie Rosine Angelique Sophie Josette. One boy: Polemique Telesphore Hippolyte Belzemire Horsemidas Alphonse.

"So dere you see how it come Canada got so few population! Me wit' six lil' boy and six lil' girl—and he put down only one of each kin! Sacre nom de bien if dar is not a danne censult for a brave habitant. Why, de fust tam! Victorine—dat's me femme—is tell me go queek for de docteur, w'en I come bak' from fetch heem, she got two leetle boy and one leetle girl for Jean Baptiste. And after dat we nevalre get less 'an tweens at de one tam'. And de censos man he write down: One boy, one girl!" —Vancouver World.

"St. Napoleon."

Saint Napoleon sounds somewhat strange to ears of English-speaking persons, but it is nevertheless a fact. At the heyday of his fame, Bonaparte discovered that it would be well for him, and the Napoleonic dynasty which he hoped to found, that a name-patron should find prominence in French history. With obliging zeal his ecclesiastical supporters managed to trace an obscure faithful one Neapolais, who had been martyred in Alexandria. Upon his memory the aureole was placed; the French bishops received a pastoral letter from their cardinal chief; and Pius VII called St. Napoleon into being. His day was the emperor's birthday, August 15, and upon it the dual event was celebrated.

Wearing Out Clubs.

He had taken up golf, and after playing a week he went to buy some new clubs.

"Did you break the ones I sold you about a week ago?" asked the club dealer.

"No, I didn't break any of 'em," was the reply, "but I took so many shots with 'em that they're worn out!" —Yonkers Statesman.

A Lowdown Trick.

Mrs. Lamb—I see you're not speaking to Mrs. Fox.

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DISDAINED KNIFE AND FORK

"Swell" Fooled Both Men Who Made Bets as to His Manner of Eating Breakfast.

Tex Rickard said to a group of correspondents the other day: "It isn't only scrappers that make bad mistakes in etiquette. I was eating breakfast in one of the swell New York restaurants one morning when a fat man came in.

"He's one of the biggest swells in the town," says my friend. "Watch him."

"The fat man—he was dressed like a prince—ordered two portions of ham and eggs, two of country sausage, two of buckwheat cakes and maple syrup, and, along with all that, mush and milk, lamb chops, liver and bacon, fried potatoes, oatmeal and corned beef hash.

"All these things were brought to him together, and he dumped them into a big soup dish and proceeded to cut them up and mix them round well.

"Hanged if that ain't the worst sight I've ever seen," I said to my friend. "I'll bet you three to one, George, he eats it with his knife."

"No, no," says George. "He's a big swell, I tell you. I bet he eats it with his fork."

Mr. Rickard shook his head gloomily.

"We both lost," he said. "He ate it with a ladle."

Mouse Wore Diamond.

Some women may be afraid of some mice, but when a mouse gets civilized and swaggers enough to run around wearing diamonds—well, the heroine of this story tells it, and responsibility begins and ends with her.

Miss Genevieve Allen of New York, head of the abandonment bureau of District Attorney Swan's office, returned from a vacation in Maine to find a mouse cavorting on the floor of her office with a diamond gleaming from its tail.

Miss Allen realizing, perhaps, that she could never get away with the story without something resembling proof, caught that mouse. Whether she did it with gas, hypnosis or a depth bomb may never be known, but she got close enough to extract a diamond earring from the mouse's tail though she let the mouse get away without attempting to arrest it for burglary. The earring was turned over to Acting District Attorney Banton.

It's barely possible that the scientist who is promising us snapshot pictures of Mars is giving us snap judgment.

Just now a bank book with a balance looks much better than the tattered remains of last year's silk shirts.

Have you noticed that some of the high shoes in the show windows are lower than some of the low shoes were last spring?

The man who neglects theorizing in order to attend strictly to his business is doing a little to solve the problem of unemployment.

We care very little about the announcement that the egg market is stronger. We would greatly prefer to see firmer eggs.

According to a medical man, fast living shortens our lives. According to the coroner's records, fast living has the same effect.

Home Town Helps

COLONIAL DESIGN ATTRACTIVE

Architects Too Often, However, Do Not Apply Its Details With Courage.

The average house of Colonial design, however attractive may be its general ensemble of graceful form, consistent detail and pleasing color, is, as a rule, not picturesque; that is, according to the common conception of a term which implies more than a medium of individuality and informality. Indeed, in the design of the majority of new Colonial houses, the keynote is almost invariably a rather rigid formality—and formality is never the ideal foundation upon which to rear a picturesque superstructure.

The low, rambling, English country-house, the steep-roofed, turreted French chateaux, the characteristic chalets of Switzerland and the low-roofed homes of Italy have usually an indefinable element of picturesque quality, undoubtedly attributable in large measure to their pronounced informality of composition, as well as to a perfect adaptability to their respective locations. Countless American homes are, of course, also picturesque; nevertheless the average American house to which the possession of picturesque qualities may truthfully be ascribed is, as a rule, a replica after some foreign prototype, rather than an outgrowth of that Colonial style which is, perhaps, our most nation-listic phase of architecture.

The only apparent reason for this phenomenon must lie surely in a lack of courage, on the part of the architectural profession, to apply the details of Colonial precedent to other than a house of symmetrical plan. It cannot be due to any lack of inspiration in the many beautiful examples of early Colonial work which still exist.

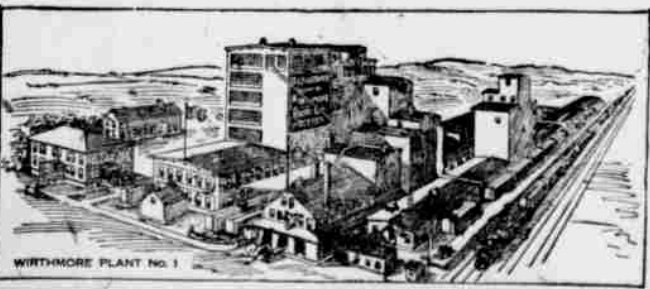
In the early days of Pennsylvania, a snug little stone homestead was built by a sturdy pioneer, a bit of a clearing not far distant from now widely-famed Valley Forge. Probably, even though he built his home with strength of construction uppermost in mind, that pioneer was impelled more by thoughts of contemporaneous security than by any altruistic consideration for a coming generation. Whatever the builder's motive, his humble farmhouse was destined to withstand the vicissitudes of a century and more, and eventually to become the nucleus of the imposing structure which now adorns an attractive country estate in one of Philadelphia's most aristocratic suburban communities.—Charles Vaughn Boyd in the House Beautiful.

BOAR HAS GREAT INFLUENCE

Breeding Animal Should Be Placed in Good-Sized Yard and Away From Rest of Herd.

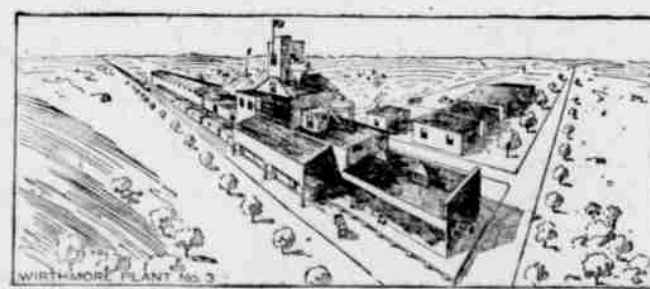
How about the herd boy? Get him out in a good-sized yard, away from the rest of the herd. Remember he is half of the breeding power of the herd, and that his influence on the profits for the year amounts to more than that of any one sow.

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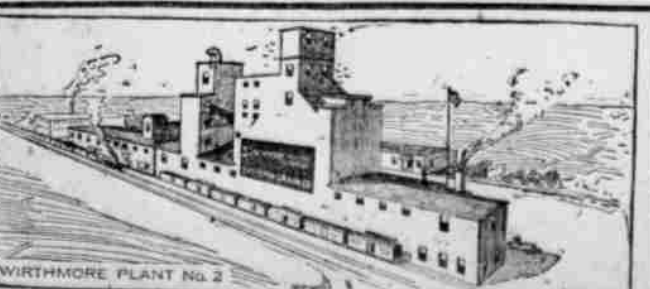
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